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For : MAGNETIC DISK AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE SAME

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed February 23, 2006, Applicants hereby submit the following Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111. This Response is timely filed on April 24, 2006.

Entry of the following Amendment and reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of record are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2.**

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected on the listing of claims, which begins on page 7 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 13 of this paper.